(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Rehabilitation and welfare of leprosy-affected disabled persons

1826. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan and comprehensive rehabilitation and welfare of leprosy-affected disabled persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated and released during the last year and the details of its utilization during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is already implementing Disability Prevention & Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) Services to leprosy affected persons under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme. Under the programme, Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear, dressing materials, splints and drugs for management of leprosy reactions are provided to leprosy affected persons. The eligible leprosy affected persons with disability are also motivated for reconstructive surgery so that their physical functional ability is improved.

(b) Under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme funds allocated, released & expenditure by States during 2006-07 including DPMR activities is as below-

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Released	Expenditure
2006-07	3875.00	3002.66	3256.76

Rehabilitation of visually handicapped

1827. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to implement any specific scheme for the rehabilitation of visually impaired persons in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme and the amount allocated for the purpose;

(c) the number of visually impaired persons in the country at present, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for their security and welfare, particularly those of females, at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) A statement ting State-wise number of persons with visual disabilities in the country, as per the us, 2001 is given in Statement (*See* below). Recently a scheme for promotion of loyment in the private sector, for persons with disabilities including visual impaired has

been sanctioned by the Government, which envisages payment of employer's contribution to Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees State Insurance (ESI) for the first three years for employment of persons with disabilities. The benefit of the scheme is for the persons with monthly wages up to Rs. 25,000/- per month. A provision of Rs. 15.00 crore has been made in the budget of the Ministry during 2008-09 for the scheme.

Statement

Details of persons with visual disabilities in the country State-wise as per Census 2001

Sl. No.	State/UT	Visual disability
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	2,08,713
2.	Himachal Pradesh	64,122
3.	Punjab	1,70,853
4.	Chandigarh	8,422
5.	Uttaranchal	85,668
6.	Haryana	2,01,358
7.	Delhi	1,20,712
8	Rajasthan	7,53,962
9.	Uttar Pradesh	18,52,071
10.	Bihar	10,05,605
11.	Sikkim	10,790
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	23,079
13.	Nagaland	9,968
14.	Manipur	11,713
15.	Mizoram	6,257
16.	Tripura	27,505
17.	Meghalaya	13,381
18.	Assam	2,82,056
19.	West Bengal	8,62,073
20.	Jharkhand	1,86,216
21.	Orissa	5,14,104
22.	Chhattisgarh	1,60,131
23.	Gujarat	4,94,624
24.	Daman & Diu	1,898
25.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2,346
26.	Maharashtra	5,80,9[illegible]
27.	Madhya Pradesh	6,36,214

Sl. No.	State/UT	Visual disability
28.	Andhra Pradesh	5,81,587
29.	Karnataka	4,40,875
30.	Goa	4,393
31.	Lakshadweep	603
32.	Kerala	3,34,622
33.	Tamil Nadu	9,64,063
34.	Pondicherry	10,646
35.	Andaman & Nicobar	3,321
	TOTAL:	1,06,34,881

Redressal of complaints of backward classes

†1828. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Minorities and National Commission for Women, etc. are having the right to hear complaints of the concerned classes since long;

(b) if so, whether the right to hear complaints of backward classes is also given to the National Commission for Backward Classes;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would give the right to hear the complaints of backward class people to the National Commission for Backward Classes; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Annual budget of finance corporations

†1829. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the annual budget of National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC), National Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), National Minorities Development and Financ Corporation (NMDFC) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Developme Corporation (NSKFDC); and

(b) the details of funds provided by NBCFDC to State during the last five years, State wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.